

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This blatant partisanship is wholly inappropriate, given that Sinclair is entrusted with the use of public airways--access that is available to them freely.

When increasingly large conglomerates control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their convoluted bottom lines and less of what we need for our democracy. They wield extraordinary power, which the FCC must hold in check.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.